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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2004. Claims 1-41 are pending. Claims 1-41 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- Claims 1-10, 16-18, 33-36, and 41 are said to be drawn to a unitary polymer I. substrate, classified in Class 428, subclass 92;
- Claims 11-15 are said to be drawn to a method of making a unitary polymer Ц. substrate, classified in Class 451, subclass 28+;
- Claims 19-32 and 37-40, are said to be drawn to a method of making a unitary polymer substrate, classified in Class 264, subclass 247.

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Conclusion

Applicants have elected Group III. Continued prosecution of this application is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the indicated telephone number with questions that can be resolved with a simple teleconference.

Respectfully submitted,

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